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James 5:16

“Confess & Pray”



**Confess your faults
one to another, and
pray one for
another, that ye may
be healed.**

**The effectual fervent
prayer of a righteous
man availeth much.**

Quite unlike early Christian congregations, most religious gatherings today do not offer times of mutual confession.

There is no space during, probably most “church” services, for people to confess faults to one another.

Generally, in the majority of mainstream so-called *Christian* assemblies, the laity (the regular churchgoer) is

not permitted to speak at all—
except to sing pre-determined
musical selections.

Where there actually are
opportunities to give
testimonies or confessions,
some do not participate.
Many wouldn't DARE admit
to wrongdoing privately, let
alone publically. They
wouldn't confess faults to one
another, and it may be that
few actually pray for the
healing of one another.

According to this verse,
however, we should ALL
confess “one to another” and
pray for the healing of one
another.

As the world is becoming
more and more anti-Christ
and more pro-corruption, it's
likely that the confession to
one another and the prayer
for the healing of one another
will occur less and less.
Nonetheless, confession is a
biblical concept.

This passage does not speak of one-sided confessions where a person tells a priest, for example, his or her wrongs, but the priest does not tell of his faults. This is mutual confession which, by design, keeps us all humble and accountable to one another.

Further this same verse encourages us that great results may occur when there is serious and continuous prayer by righteous individuals:

**The effectual fervent
prayer of a righteous
man availeth much.**

This means, the continuous,
sincere communication of the
godly gets much done.

It's okay to confess and pray.